

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1568 - HB 1514

April 1, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a new Class E felony for a person knowingly to publish in any form information or records relating to handgun carry permits, renewal applications, or any materials required for a permit. Violation is punishable only by a mandatory fine of \$2,500 and requires the court to order restitution to the victim in an amount equal to any damage resulting from the publication or \$1,000, whichever is the least amount.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Revenue – Not Significant
Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

**Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant
Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant**

Other Fiscal Impact – A potential loss of \$45,655,000 in federal funding derived from the Title IV-D Child Support Program and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grants.

Assumptions:

- A small increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.
- According to the Department of Human Services (DHS), this bill does not include an exemption to allow for the release of such information to the Department for purposes concerning child support enforcement.
- DHS indicates that federal law, 42 U.S.C. § 666(a), requires the state to have procedures in place to withhold or suspend, or to restrict the use of driver's licenses, professional and occupational licenses, and recreational and sporting licenses of individuals owing overdue child support payments. According to DHS, the Attorney General (AG) has

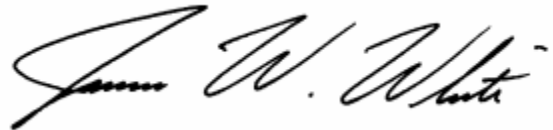
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specifically found this requirement to also extend to handgun carry permits (AG Opinion 02-003).

- According to DHS, this bill could jeopardize approximately \$45,655,000 in federal funding received pursuant to the Title IV-D Child Support Program and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grants.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a more stylized, connected manner to the middle initial "W." and the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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